

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 6**  
**INCIDENT NO. 2005-121**  
**DATE: November 21, 2005    Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**TO:** Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Severe Winter Storm** – A record-breaking early winter storm with heavy snow, rain and high winds moved through portions of North Dakota on October 4-6, 2005, disrupting power supplies and stranding motorists.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:  
  
    LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
  
    STATE: No change from previous reports.  
  
    FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On November 21, 2005, Governor John Hoeven received notification that President Bush has approved his request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for impacts resulting from the record-breaking early snow storm that moved through portions of North Dakota on October 4-6, 2005.

Jurisdictions included in the declaration are the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, Benson, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Dunn, Golden Valley, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Oliver, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Stark, Towner and Ward counties.

Additionally, 11 counties met criteria established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for “near record snowfall” and are eligible for assistance. Those counties include Billings, Bowman, Burke, Dunn, Golden

Valley, McKenzie, Morton, Mountrail, Stark, Ward and Williams. Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

The disaster declaration will open access to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant and Public Assistance programs and will provide local and tribal governments federal grants to cover 75 percent of the public property damages. State, local and tribal governments must absorb the remaining 25 percent.

### **Bowman County**

The Emergency Manager reported 12 people were sheltered at a local church and private homes in Bowman.

### **Golden Valley County**

County Commissioners issued an emergency declaration on October 6. The Mayors of Sentinel Butte, Golvea and Beach issued an emergency declaration on October 7.

### **McLean County**

The Emergency Manager reported 10 individuals were stranded in the city of Max with many individuals staying in their vehicles. Citizens were directed to the Underwood Motel which housed 10 additional people. The exact quantity of people that were temporarily housed is unknown due to disruptions in radio communications.

### **Mercer County**

The Emergency Manager reported approximately 10 students from rural areas stayed in town due to travel advisories; however, no shelters were opened.

### **Mountrail County**

Officials reported that approximately 75 students stayed with families at designated storm homes and an additional 35 students were sheltered in a motel.

### **Slope County**

County Commissioners issued an emergency declaration on November 1. In addition, 60 people were sheltered in area churches.

### **Stark County**

Stark County officials, assisted by the local Red Cross, opened the Dickinson State University as a temporary shelter for 74 people who were stranded. Approximately 20 additional people were taken into homes within the city of Dickinson.

### **Three Affiliated Tribes**

The Three Affiliated Tribes opened shelters in Parshall and Twin Buttes. The city of Parshall was unable to open immediately due to bad road conditions and poor visibility. The Fort Berthold Housing Authority provided a generator for use at a community shelter. Residents in Twin Buttes were without power for up to five days. The Tribal Emergency Manager obtained generators for use at the Twin

Buttes Center, but due to poor road conditions and visibility, law enforcement were unable to meet their destination.

**Towner County**

County Commissioners issued an emergency declaration on November 6.

**Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians**

The Tribal Council issued an emergency declaration on October 28.

**Ward County**

The Emergency Manager reported the local Red Cross chapter operated a shelter at the Minot Municipal Auditorium Armory from October 4 through October 6. Numerous calls were received for sheltering, but many people declined shelter and stayed with relatives and friends or obtained a motel room. Approximately 50 people were sheltered.

7. **ASSISTANCE NEEDED**: No change from previous reports.
8. **OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE**: No change from previous reports.
9. **OTHER INFORMATION**: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/des>.

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